manufacturing sector, as per the data available from CSO, The steps taken, to boost industrial production include; rationalisation and simplification of tariff structure,, reduction in customs and excise. duties, extention of benefits of MODVAT to capital goods, imposition of countervailing duty, reduction in minimum lending rates on commercial advances and corporate tax etc.

Loan application pending under Graduate scheme

SHBI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the- PRIME MINISTER be pleas., ed to state:

< a) what is the number of loan ap. fions pending with Central Government for finalisation of loan to Tinder Graduate persons under the Under Graduate Scheme' for the last two year, year.wise;

(b) the details of applications finalised during the period 1993.94 and number of applications yet i," *W* (in '1 during the year 1994.95;

(() what are the reasons for non-Einalafttion of these applications at. an appropriate time to those under graduate persons who are seeking for (nan; und

(d) by when these loan applications iId he iinalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY QF INDUSTRY R] ! VUUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Industry is not implementing any scheme titled as "Under-graduate Scheme." However, unemployed educated youth who are matric failed or above or, have done a six month vocational course or ITI passed are eligible for assistance under Prime Minister's T!ozgar Yojana provided they fulfil the other norms of the scheme. Thus, Under—graduates are eigible for as. sistance under PRMY.

The scheme is implemented through StateftJT. Governments and the State Agencies receive tue applications for l'"ns. The applications are screened and recommended to the banks for notion of loans. As per information received from State Governments and Union Territories the applications received by the States|UTs. during 1993_ 94 were 229418. The applicaions recommended to the banks were 85631 and the applications sanctioned for loans by the banks were 31797. For '-: i !')'M..9S, the applications re. < i-ed by the btat.e|U.Ts. are G14711, those recommended to the banks, are :J7?84l and the number of loan sanctioned by the banks are 35369 upto 30 November, 1904. According to the miurmatian the number' of applications pending with the. State! UTs on 30th November, 1994 is 195853. .

(c) and (d) The applications received in the District Industry Centres] Directorates of the State Governments are to be scrutinised, by task force:; constituted for the purpose. Viable cases of eligible applicants are for-warded to banks for sanction of loans

oess of inviting applications nuikin.: Lo'tirnrnendations by the District Task Forces [Directorates is, a continuous Process, Pending applications aio te bo taken up in due course for scrutiny. Applications pending at the end of the financial year are automatically considered during the next financial war and do not lapse ai the close of the financial year.

Sick *PSVs* in Orissa

1433.. SHRI BHAGBAN MAJHI; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of s'ck Public Sector Units CPSUs) in Orissa;

fb) the reasons for their sickness; and

Cc) the details of steps taken to re. ' vive those sick units?